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January 16, 2009

The Honorable Don Tatzin and Council Members
City of Lafayette
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Dear Mayor Tatzin and Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley and of West Contra Costa County are celebrating the 2008 elections! Here in Contra Costa County, we had a record voter turnout of 83%.

The voters of Contra Costa County have come to rely on the high quality candidate debates we co-sponsor with the Contra Costa Times, CCTV and the Contra Costa Council. Through these debates, broadcast on CCTV and posted on the CC Times website, voters can be confident that they are receiving nonpartisan and accurate information on candidates' positions on the issues. In the past election, we received much positive feedback on the value of these debates. Lisa Vorderbrueggen, personally received numerous phone inquires as well as many hits on the debate website.

Unfortunately, when the bill for the debates arrived, we were shocked by the increased cost for covering the election, finding ourselves short by $2,800. The increased cost was largely due to the personnel at CCTV having to work longer hours in order to accommodate various candidates' schedules. We also needed to add a third day of taping in order to include all contested City Council and School Board races in the County. **Each debate costs approximately $340 to produce.**

Please consider contributing* to help us cover these unexpected costs. Would it be possible for you to use some of your Cable Franchise Funding for this purpose?

We hope to be able to continue producing these debates in the future and your contribution will encourage us to continue to find a way to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashley Coates

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President
League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley

*Checks may be written to League of Women Voters Education Fund, and mailed to the address above.

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